AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS

1. (Canceled)

2. (Canceled)

3. (Currently Amended) A lubricating base stock for internal combustion engine oil consisting essentially of ~~the~~ an ester (A) ~~according to claim 1~~ and an ester (B) having an average molecular weight that is different from that of the ester (A)[[,]] ;

wherein the ester (A) is obtained from an ethylene oxide adduct of diol having a neopentyl structure and a saturated aliphatic monocarboxylic acid having 4 to 12 carbon atoms,

the ethylene oxide adduct is obtained by adding ethylene oxide to a diol having a neopentyl structure in a ratio of 1 to 4 moles with respect to 1 mol of the diol, and

the saturated aliphatic monocarboxylic acid is a linear carboxylic acid or a mixture of saturated aliphatic monocarboxylic acids comprising a linear aliphatic monocarboxylic acid in a ratio of at least 50 mol%;

wherein the ester (B) is obtained from a neopentyl polyol alkylene oxide adduct and a saturated aliphatic monocarboxylic acid ~~, and~~ ;

a weight ratio of the ester (A) and the ester (B) is 80 : 20 to 99.9 : 0.1; and

a dynamic viscosity of the lubricating base stock for internal combustion engine oil at 100°C is 1 to 5 mm^2/s, a viscosity index of the lubricating base

stock is at least 140, and a total acid value of the lubricating base stock is 0.5 mg KOH/g or less.

4. (Canceled)

5. (Original) An internal combustion engine lubricating oil composition comprising the base stock according to claim 3 as a main component, 0.05 to 10 wt% of an antioxidant, 0.05 to 10 wt% of a detergent-dispersant, and 0.01 to 30 wt% of a viscosity index improver.

6. (Canceled)

7. (Canceled)

8. (Canceled)

9. (New) The lubricating base stock for internal combustion engine oil of claim 3,

wherein the ester (A) is obtained from an ethylene oxide adduct of neopentyl glycol and a capric acid,

the ethylene oxide adduct is obtained by adding ethylene oxide to a neopentyl glycol in a ratio of 2 moles with respect to 1 mol of the neopentyl glycol, and

wherein the ester (B) is obtained from an alkylene oxide adduct of neopentyl glycol and a saturated aliphatic monocarboxylic acid having 5 to 9 carbon atoms,

the alkylene oxide adduct is obtained by adding ethylene oxide or butylene oxide to a neopentyl glycol in a ratio of 2 to 4 moles with respect to 1 mol of the neopentyl glycol.

10. (New) An internal combustion engine lubricating oil composition comprising the base stock according to claim 9 as a main component, 0.05 to 10 wt% of an antioxidant, 0.05 to 10 wt% of a detergent-dispersant, and 0.01 to 30 wt% of a viscosity index improver.